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**Agency:** H53 - Consortium of Community Teaching Hospitals    **Functional Group:** Higher Education & Cultural

**594    Instruction-Continuing Education**

Section 59-123-115. The SC AHEC Continuing Education (CE) program provides practicing health care professionals with affordable continuing education seminars, workshops, lectures, and telecasts in proximity to their workplace. Each of the four AHEC Centers employs CE Coordinators who work closely with hospital education departments, regional health professionals, associations and agencies, and educational institutions to assess, develop, and present continuing education programs to health professionals in their regions. The learning opportunities provided by the SC AHEC Centers follows a set of "Best Practice Standards" designed by the CE Coordinators to assure quality in programming.

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<b>Total</b>	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Supp. Funds</b>	<b>CRF</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>FTEs</b>
\$1,346,859	\$1,298,760	\$0	\$48,099	\$0	\$0	2.00

**Expected Results:**

This activity enhances the knowledge and skills of health care providers and emergency responders. Enhanced skills increase the quality of care provided resulting in the improvement of inpatient and outpatient health care delivery. Educational offerings allow health care providers to meet professional re-licensure and re-certification requirements and reduce professional isolation for providers in rural areas, thereby increasing retention.

**Outcome Measures:**

Eight hundred fifty-nine (859) educational programs were provided to 29,604 health care professionals. Four thousand four hundred seventy-five (4,475) credit hours for re-licensure and re-certification were provided to health care professionals. Approximately 90% of program participants report (on post-program evaluation instruments) that all their learning objectives were met.

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**595    Health Professions Student Programs**

Section 59-123-115. The SC AHEC Health Professions Student Programs help arrange required community-based rotations for health professions students in the fields of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, and the allied health sciences. Each AHEC regional center employs student coordinators who assist with the identification of preceptors, procure student housing, schedule student rotations, orient students to the community, provide library resources and Internet connections, and assist students with their community health improvement projects. While in the community, students not only learn clinical skills in a "real world" setting from their preceptors, but they also participate in community outreach activities such as visiting the homes of patients, participating in projects targeting major health problems such as diabetes or high blood pressure, and initiating and participating in community health assessments and wellness programs for the local populace.

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\$651,083	\$627,952	\$0	\$23,131	\$0	\$0	1.75

**Expected Results:**

State and national statistics demonstrate current shortages of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, and numerous allied health specialties. Projections for the future indicate these shortages will become more acute as the current health care workforce ages. Health care educational experiences for high school, college and graduate students are essential to insure a continuous supply of bright, dedicated, racially diverse health care professionals. Studies also indicate that students who experience practice in rural and underserved settings are more likely to establish practice in similar locales after graduation.

**Outcome Measures:**

- Students from the disciplines of medicine, nurse midwifery, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, pharmacy, dentistry, health administration, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, social work and public health from Clemson University, USC, MUSC, Francis Marion University, Winthrop University and SC State University participated in AHEC HPS rotations last year.
- Most health professions training programs' curricula require off-campus learning experiences.
- Five hundred seventy-five (575) students engaged in AHEC placements. This represents approximately 2,300 weeks of training.
- Since students involved in this program are health professions students, virtually 100% of participants go into a health field.
- There were over 500 preceptors who participated as teachers for health professions community rotations last year.

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**596 Health Careers Program (General Funds)**

Each regional AHEC Center maintains a Health Careers Program designed to increase the number of young people who elect to pursue a health related profession. The program emphasizes the participation of African-American, other underrepresented ethnic minority and disadvantaged students. Each South Carolina AHEC Center will establish and coordinate a Health Careers Academy (HCA) to facilitate an intensive health career exploration experience for high school students. The HCA will utilize a four-year, academic-based curriculum specifically designed to prepare students to enter the health professions pipeline. Programmatic content will employ individual advising, mentoring and parental involvement as major components. NOTE: This is the revised program previously named Student Development and Diversity Program (General Funds).

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\$444,543	\$428,543	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	1.80

**Expected Results:**

The expected result of the Health Careers Program is to increase the number of students entering the health professions pipeline with an emphasis on African-American and other underrepresented minority students. The Health Careers Academy will be implemented in 12 South Carolina counties. The following results are expected: •

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Enroll 15 – 20 9th grade students per region each year in the HCA beginning with the fall 2006 academic term • 85% of HCA participants will successfully complete 85% of HCA curriculum modules during each of the four years of the program • Retain a minimum of 75% of HCA participants as program completers (through their senior year) 75% of HCA participants will have improved their grade point averages (GPAs) each academic year • 75% of HCA participants will choose health career tracks/program majors within the first two years of program completion

**Outcome Measures:**

Outcomes for this project are not yet available since the program was revised during the summer of 2006.

**EXPLANATION:**

This activity was renamed (previously the Student Development and Diversity Program (General Funds)) and reflects revised curriculum and outcomes measures for FY07.

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**597    Regional Center Administration**

Section 59-123-115. This function provides executive leadership for each of the four AHEC regional centers. Activities include developing and maintaining linkages with providers, institutions, and organizations within each region, conducting a local needs assessment, program development, grant development, financial services, personnel services, communications, data systems, and other related regional administrative activities.

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\$399,823	\$385,432	\$0	\$14,391	\$0	\$0	0.00

**Expected Results:**

Provision of programs and services to address the unique needs of each of the four AHEC regions. Maintain collaborative relationships with local health care agencies, organizations, providers, and educational institutions. Meet or exceed requirements for state contracts and federal grant awards. Receive positive audit reports on financial statements.

**Outcome Measures:**

There is a positive correlation between the provision of programs and services with regional needs assessment results. Educational program evaluations are overwhelmingly positive. Participation of regional institutions, organizations, associations, and providers continues to grow. Goals associated with SC AHEC performance contracts with regional centers for Continuing Education Instruction, Health Professions Student Education and Student Development and Diversity Programs have all been attained or surpassed. Federal (Model AHEC and Bioterrorism Training) grant requirements were met. (See grant requirements under Model AHEC and Bioterrorism Training Sections "Expected Results") Clean audit reports for each regional center.

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**598    Miscellaneous Other Funds**

This activity is added as a balancing mechanism since these funds have not yet been secured but were reported in the Detailed Budget. The results of other grant initiatives seeking funds from private sources (endowments, foundations) were not known at the time this report was prepared.

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$844,845	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$844,845	0.00

**Expected Results:**

N/A

**Outcome Measures:**

N/A

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**599    Recruitment - Palmetto Initiative for Excellence (PIE)**

Section 5M-H54-5M.2. The Palmetto Initiative for Excellence (PIE) is designed to promote diversity within the administrative health services work force in South Carolina by increasing the number of underrepresented minority health professionals who perform in this role. Emphasis is placed on attracting African-American participants. The program provides individuals the opportunity to develop and enhance skills that promote success as health services administrators. PIE scholars participate in a Post-Graduate Fellowship or in an Undergraduate Summer Internship. The SC AHEC Student Development and Diversity Program Coordinators interview and select all PIE scholarship recipients. A network comprised of experienced administrators is utilized to support the educational activities of program participants.

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$74,440	\$74,440	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

**Expected Results:**

The expected result of this activity is an increase in the number of African-American health services administrators in executive management level positions in South Carolina.

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**Outcome Measures:**

Seven of the eight Fellows who completed the program are currently employed in SC as health care managers or administrators (one has been lost to follow-up) for a retention rate of 88%. Thirty-nine Interns have completed the PIE Program. Of the 17 who have returned a 2004 post-PIE survey, 7 were employed in administrative positions, 6 were students (graduate, undergraduate, and medical), 2 did not specify their employment/student status, and 2 were employed in professions outside of health care. Of the Interns who returned the post-PIE survey, 77% were employed in SC in health care settings or were pursuing a degree in a health care field. There are no comparable programs of which we are aware in other states.

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**600 Recruitment - Rural Physician Program**

Section 59-123-115. This activity captures the FTE associated with the program funds described below which has a different Budgetary Program Number. See Rural Physician Program "Description" below. (Activity Number 601)

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\$81,886	\$78,977	\$0	\$2,909	\$0	\$0	1.00

**Expected Results:**

See Rural Physician Program "Expected Results" (Activity Number 601) below.

**Outcome Measures:**

See Rural Physician Program "Outcome Measures" below. (Activity Number 601)

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**601 Recruitment - Rural Physician Program**

Section 59-123-125. The Rural Physician Program was initiated by the SC legislature in 1989 to address the undersupply and misdistribution of physicians in rural and underserved communities of the state. The program provides incentive grants for primary care physicians and advanced practice professionals (Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Midwives, and Physician Assistants) who commit to practice in medically underserved communities for a period of up to four years.

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\$689,845	\$689,845	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

**Expected Results:**

The expected result of the Rural Physician Program is to attract primary care physicians and advanced practice professionals to establish practices in rural and medically underserved areas of South Carolina. Once a practice becomes established, health care providers are much more likely to remain in areas of need.

**Outcome Measures:**

Since its inception in 1989, 300 primary care physicians have been funded exclusively from the state program. Of these, 248 are in private practice in SC. Of the physicians in private practice, the retention rate is approximately 88%. Fifty-two physicians practiced in Community Health Centers with a retention rate of 48%. While this rate is lower than the retention rate for physicians in the Rural Physician Program who enter private practice, it exceeds the overall retention rate for all physicians who are employed in SC Community Health Centers, which is estimated at 30%. Over 200 years of cumulative service has been provided by these physicians to a patient population predominately composed of Medicaid recipients and indigent individuals.

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**602 Recruitment - Nursing Recruitment Center**

The Nursing Recruitment Center was initiated in 1989 to address the shortage of nursing professionals. No specific enabling legislation currently exists for this program. The Center initiates activities and programs designed to attract individuals to pursue nursing as a career.

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\$37,955	\$37,955	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.25

**Expected Results:**

The expected result of the Nursing Recruitment Center is to increase the number of individuals who choose nursing as a career and the number of hospitals that seek to receive certification as Magnet hospitals.

**Outcome Measures:**

- SC AHEC held the 4th annual Nursing Magnet Conference addressing the nursing shortage. Two-hundred Nurse Managers and Executives attended.
- First South Carolina Magnet hospital was designated in October 2005. Five other hospitals are at various stages of the application process.
- Conducted the second annual Workshop for Nurse Aide Training Coordinators and Instructors in Columbia with 125 participants.
- Nineteen post-secondary school students participated in the 2006 SC AHEC Pre-Nursing Academy June 4-15, 2006.
- Twelve nursing scholarships were provided to students entering nursing programs (LPN, RN) in the Fall of 2006.

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**603    Library Information Service**

Section 59-123-115. The AHEC Information Service provides a web-based library information service to SC AHEC faculty, residents, students, preceptors, and affiliated health care providers. The service provides on-line retrieval of medical literature, document delivery, and conducts on-site training to allow users to access medical information electronically.

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$144,680	\$144,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

**Expected Results:**

The expected result from the SC AHEC Library Information Service is to increase the availability of medical information for AHEC-affiliated health care providers and health professions students in South Carolina, particularly those who serve in rural and underserved communities.

**Outcome Measures:**

The AHEC Information Service was accessed nearly 172,759 times during the past year. This measure indicates that the portal for the AHEC Information Service was entered approximately 396 times each day. There are currently 1,454 registered users with password access to licensed databases and 14,000 online journals. In addition, electronic on-line journals were accessed over 8,000 times and 3,727 paper articles were delivered to users in the four AHEC regions. Eighteen (18) training sessions were conducted in the four AHEC regions for residents and faculty of SC AHEC residency training programs and for health care professionals from hospitals, private practices, and other health care facilities. One hundred fifteen (115) individuals attended these sessions.

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**604    Instruction-DPRT**

The Bioterrorism and Public Health Emergencies Training Network is a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. This is a federally funded collaboration of many partners in South Carolina addressing the training needs of practicing healthcare professionals for bioterrorism and public health emergency event recognition and response.

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\$866,205	\$0	\$866,205	\$0	\$0	\$0	1.55

**Expected Results:**

The newly renamed "Disaster Preparedness and Response Training Network (DPRT)" will create awareness of the role of health professionals in responding to bioterrorism or public health emergencies and improve competencies for disaster response. DPRT Specific Objectives are: provide 120 Disaster101 training programs for 2,000 health care providers; provide 80 Disaster201 recognition, response and reporting workshops for 2,000 health care providers; collect, analyze, and appropriately report performance data; establish a National Resource Library.

**Outcome Measures:**

- The decision about the funding of this grant award is anticipated on 10/1/06.
- A web-based National Disaster Preparedness Training Resource Library is currently being piloted.

**EXPLANATION:**

This activity updated to reflect a new grant year.

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**605 Instruction**

The Model State Supported AHEC Program (Federal Funds) is a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. Funds are allocated to AHEC programs to prepare and educate culturally competent primary care providers for the United State's workforce.

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\$546,233	\$73,251	\$470,284	\$2,698	\$0	\$0	0.91

**Expected Results:**

HRSA grant requirements include: Improve the recruitment, distribution, supply, quality and efficiency of personnel providing health services in underserved rural and urban areas; Increase the number of primary care physicians and other primary care providers; Carry out recruitment and health career awareness programs to recruit individuals from minority and disadvantaged populations into the health professions; Provide for field placements, preceptorships, community-based primary care residency programs, and agreements with community-based organizations; Conduct health professions education and training activities for students of health professions schools and medical residents; Conduct at least 10 percent of medical student required clinical education at sites remote to the primary teaching facility; Provide information dissemination and educational support to reduce professional isolation.

**Outcome Measures:**

Last year all grant requirements were met and HRSA recommended funding for FY07.



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**606 Recruitment - National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment**

The National Health Service Corps' State Loan Repayment Program is funded by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. It provides funds to repay educational loans incurred by primary care physicians (during their training) in exchange for a service obligation of up to four years of employment with a non-profit health care provider in a federally designated Health Professions Shortage Area (HPSA).

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$320,000	\$0	\$320,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.50

**Expected Results:**

The expected result of this activity is the procurement of primary care physicians to provide care in Health Professions Shortage Areas.

**Outcome Measures:**

Since its inception in September 1997, 22 physicians have been funded by the National Health Service Corps' Federal Loan Repayment Program. Eleven (11) of these work in Community Health Centers and 11 work in other non-profit environments. Overall retention for this group is 86%.

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**607 Miscellaneous Federal Grant Opportunities**

This activity is reflected as a balancing mechanism since these funds have not yet been secured, but were reported on the Detailed Budget. Several potential federal grant opportunities were anticipated; however, the funding did not materialize.

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$525,814	\$0	\$525,814	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

**Expected Results:**

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N/A

**Outcome Measures:**

N/A

**EXPLANATION:**

Projected funding not realized.

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**608    Instruction-Family Medicine Residency**

Section 59-123-115. In order to alleviate the shortage and maldistribution of physicians in our state, the SC AHEC sponsors family medicine residency training programs throughout South Carolina. Family medicine is the medical specialty which provides continuing and comprehensive health care for individuals and families. The family physician typically functions as the patient's means of entry into the health care system. The family physician is the physician of first contact in most situations and, as the initial provider, evaluates the patient's total health care needs and provides personal care. The South Carolina Family Medicine Residency Training Programs are located in Anderson, Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greenville, Greenwood, Seneca and Spartanburg. Between them, they graduate approximately 65 residents each year.

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\$6,536,316	\$6,304,101	\$0	\$232,215	\$0	\$0	11.03

**Expected Results:**

Increase the number and geographic distribution of Family Physicians in the state. Studies by the SC Budget and Control Board Office of Research and Statistics continue to project a need for additional family physicians as the South Carolina population increases and ages.

**Outcome Measures:**

Forty-nine percent (49%) of the practicing family physicians in South Carolina are graduates of the SC AHEC's family medicine residency training programs. Family physicians provide the majority of health care for South Carolinians in rural and medically underserved communities. Family physicians provide medical homes for a disproportionate number of Medicaid, Medicare and indigent patients. The SC AHEC is working collaboratively with the SC Budget and Control Board's Office of Research and Statistical Services to identify the distribution and retention of family physicians across the state, particularly the number who practice in rural and underserved communities. These data were not available at the time this report was prepared.

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**609 Instruction-Graduate Doctor Education Residency Training Programs (excluding Family Medicine Residency Training Programs)**

Section 59-123-115. In order to alleviate the shortage and maldistribution of physicians in our state, SC AHEC sponsors graduate doctor residency training programs throughout South Carolina. SC AHEC Graduate Doctor residency training programs emphasize primary care and training in other specialties with demonstrated shortages. A primary care practice serves as the patient's first point of entry into health care system and the continuing focal point for all needed health care services. Primary care practices provide health promotion, disease prevention, health maintenance, counseling, patient education, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses in a variety of health care settings. Graduate Doctor Residency Training Programs are based in three communities in our state (Columbia, Greenville and Spartanburg) and include internal medicine, pediatrics, combined internal medicine/peds, obstetrics/gynecology, emergency medicine, psychiatry, orthopedics and surgery.

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\$4,310,498	\$4,157,359	\$0	\$153,139	\$0	\$0	2.00

**Expected Results:**

Increase the number and geographic distribution of Graduate Doctor Physicians in the state. Studies by the SC Budget and Control Board Office of Research and Statistics continue to project a need for additional graduate doctor physicians as the South Carolina population increases and ages.

**Outcome Measures:**

Nineteen percent (19%) of non-family medicine, primary care physicians (internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology and pediatrics) practicing in South Carolina graduated from SC AHEC residency training programs. The only emergency medicine residency training program in South Carolina is located at Palmetto Health and is funded by SC AHEC. SC AHEC is working collaboratively with the SC Budget and Control Board's Office of Research and Statistical Services to identify the distribution and retention of primary care and non-primary care physicians across the state, particularly the number who practice in rural and underserved communities. These data were not available at the time this report was prepared.

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**610 System Wide Administration/Coordination**

Section 59-123-115. This function provides executive leadership, support, policy development and review, financial services, personnel services, communications, interagency billing, data collection systems, contract development and monitoring, grant development, and other related administrative services.

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\$552,974	\$533,577	\$0	\$19,397	\$0	\$0	3.33

**Expected Results:**

Obtain positive audit reports on financial statements. Coordinate a revised strategic plan for 2005-2008.  
 Implement new computer software to track programmatic outcomes.

**Outcome Measures:**

No negative audit opinions on state, federal or other funds. The strategic planning process was completed on 7/1/05 and a three-year strategic plan is in place. New data management software was developed last year. Training began in May 2006. Since FY2000, the SC AHEC has received funding for 13 grant projects (federal and foundation) in the amount of \$8,915,303 with anticipated grant funds in FY07 of \$1,866,712. Since FY2000, only two of twelve grant requests (one federal and one foundation) were not funded.

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**1567 Health Careers Program (Other Funds)**

Section 59-123-115. To supplement activities of the HCP program, the Duke Endowment awarded a three-year grant for "Building Coalitions to Increase the Diversity of the SC Health Care Workforce." South Carolina AHEC will work closely with those in the educational and health care delivery systems, faith-based programs, and other community organizations who are active participants in the four coalitions. The overall goal for the "Building Coalitions" project is to: "Empower four regional South Carolina coalitions to help increase the number of underrepresented minority (URM), South Carolina Health Careers Program-affiliated students who enter careers in health care." A 50/50 match is required by the Duke Endowment.

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\$350,155	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,155	0.20

**Expected Results:**

The expected results are: • To expand current coalitions to include more business and industry representatives • To design and implement a Teach-the-Teacher Academy which will be integrated with the public schools' Health Career Cluster • To design and implement a Mentorship and Job Shadowing Program to help prepare students for health care careers • To design a Health Care Careers Preparatory Program for secondary school students to recruit URM students into health care career pathways • To design and implement a program to involve parents in coalition activities.

**Outcome Measures:**

Outcomes for this project are not yet available since the grant funds were awarded on 7/1/06.

**EXPLANATION:**

This activity was renamed (previously the Student Development and Diversity Program (Other Funds)). This

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activity updated to reflect a new grant year.

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**1708    Infrastructure Development**

In FY07, the General Assembly allocated funds to develop the core infrastructure in the AHEC geographic regions to create and advance community-based academic partnerships for the training of health professions students throughout South Carolina. The funding will provide salary support and fringe benefits for four regional student coordinators, the procurement of student housing facilities (lease) in each of the four regions, and travel expenses for the AHEC student coordinators to facilitate student activities and visit local student preceptors.

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\$415,000	\$415,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

**Expected Results:**

This activity is expected to result in the addition of resources to facilitate community-based rotations for health professions students. Additional Health Professions Student Coordinators in each of the four AHEC regions will result in the identification and training of new health care providers to act as preceptors and the development of new training sites for student rotations. These funds will also assist with the procurement of student housing, increasing the number of students who will be able to participate in community-based rotations, ultimately enhancing recruitment of providers into rural and underserved areas.

**Outcome Measures:**

There are no outcome measures as this program has just begun.

**EXPLANATION:**

This activity newly funded by the General Assembly beginning 7/1/06.

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\$19,139,154	\$15,249,872	\$2,182,303	\$1,195,000
	<b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL FTEs</b>
	\$511,979	\$0	26.32